

above); Coburn Amendment No. 679 (listed above); Coburn Amendment No. 683, relative to striking targeted provisions; Coburn Amendment No. 675 (listed above); Coburn Amendment No. 677, relative to annual report; and Coburn Amendment No. 682, relative to Subtitle D clarification. **Pages S3140–41**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, following executive session. **Page S3320**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to the provisions of section 1512 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105–261), certification that the export of fine grain graphite to be used for solar cell applications and for the fabrication of components used in electronic and semiconductor fabrication is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry, and that the material and equipment will not measurably improve the missile or space launch capabilities of the People's Republic of China; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–13) **Page S3161**

Kirk Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Ronald Kirk, of Texas, to be United States Trade Representative, and that there be up to 90 minutes of debate with respect to the nomination, with the time divided as follows: 30 minutes under the control of the Majority, and 60 minutes under the control of the Republicans, and that Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, following consultation with the Republican Leader. **Page S3318**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

Kathleen Sebelius, of Kansas, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

William V. Corr, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Demetrios J. Marantis, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Verification and Compliance).

William Craig Fugate, of Florida, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Coast Guard. **Page S3320**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Demetrios J. Marantis, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, which was sent to the Senate on March 16, 2009. **Page S3321**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3320.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SOUTHERN, NORTHERN, AFRICA, AND TRANSPORTATION COMMANDS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Southern Command, United States Northern Command, United States Africa Command, and United States Transportation Command, after receiving testimony from Admiral James G. Stavridis, USN, Commander, United States Southern Command; General Victor E. Renuart, Jr., USAF, Commander, United States Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command; General William E. Ward, USA, Commander, United States Africa Command; and General Duncan J. McNabb, USAF, United States Transportation Command.

INSURANCE REGULATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on modernizing insurance regulation, after receiving testimony from Michael T. McRaith, Illinois